IN THE CLAIMS:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A fibrous security substrate for producing documents, said fibrous security substrate including an elongate element partially embedded therein and a discrete aperture extending ~~therethrough and exposing~~ through the fibrous substrate so as to expose at least a part of the elongate element, wherein at least one edge of the elongate element is exposed in the aperture, a gap being formed between the elongate element and a perimeter of the aperture.

2. **(Original)** A substrate as claimed in claim 1 in which the elongate element bears indicia, images or information.

3. **(Previously Presented)** A substrate as claimed in claim 1 in which the elongate element is wholly or partially metallised.

4. **(Previously Presented)** A substrate as claimed in claim 1 in which the elongate element bears one or more holographic images.

5. **(Previously Presented)** A substrate as claimed in claim 1 in which the elongate element has at least one colour shift areas.

6. **(Previously Presented)** A substrate as claimed in claim 1 in which the elongate element has at least one security embossing.

7. **(Previously Presented)** A substrate as claimed in claim 1 in which the elongate element is printed on one or both sides.

8. **(Previously Presented)** A substrate as claimed in claim 1 in which the elongate element bears a liquid crystal material.

9. **(Previously Presented)** A substrate as claimed in claim 1 in which at least another part of the elongate element is exposed in one or more windows in at least one surface of the substrate.

10. **(Previously Presented)** A document made from a fibrous substrate according to claim 1 comprising at least one aperture.

11. **(Original)** A document as claimed in claim 10 comprising a plurality of apertures.

12. **(Previously Presented)** A document as claimed in claim 10 comprising a security document selected from the group consisting of a banknote, a cheque, a travelers cheque, an identity card, a passport and a bond.

13. **(Previously Presented)** A document as claimed in claim 10 in which the document is a non-security document selected from the group consisting of an item of stationery and a label.

14. **(Previously Presented)** A document comprising a plurality of sheets which are each made from a fibrous substrate according to claim 1, the aperture in each sheet of said plurality of sheets being in register with the aperture in adjacent sheets.

15. **(Currently Amended)** A document comprising a plurality of sheets which are each made from a fibrous substrate ~~according to claim 1~~ that has a discrete aperture extending therethrough and has an elongate element partially embedded therein such that at least one edge of the elongate element is exposed in said aperture and a gap is formed

between the elongate element and a perimeter of the aperture, the aperture in each sheet of said plurality of sheets being in a location offset with respect to the location of the aperture in adjacent sheets.

16. **(Currently Amended)** A document ~~as claimed in claim 10 in which~~ which includes a fibrous security substrate that has a aperture extending therethrough and an elongate element partially embedded therein such that at least one edge of the elongate element is exposed in said aperture and a gap is formed between the elongate element and a perimeter of the aperture, at least a part of ~~an~~ the aperture ~~is~~ being located along an edge of the document.

17. **(Previously Presented)** A method of making a fibrous substrate as claimed in claim 1 having an elongate element partially embedded therein, comprising the steps of providing drainage restriction areas on a porous support surface, depositing fibres on the porous support surface around the drainage restriction areas to form a first layer, bringing the elongate element to lie in contact with the drainage restriction areas of the support surface, and depositing further paper fibres over the first layer to securely embed segments of the elongate element within the substrate between the drainage restriction areas, said drainage restriction areas being such as to substantially prevent the deposition of fibres thereon before and after the elongate element is laid thereover and to thereby form at least one discrete aperture extending

through the fibrous substrate, wherein a width of the elongate element is less than a maximum width of the aperture(s).

18. **(Original)** A method as claimed in claim 17 further comprising the step of forming at least one window in at least one surface of the substrate in which a portion of the elongate element, not including either of its edges, is exposed.

19. **(Cancelled)**

20. **(Cancelled).**

21. **(Cancelled).**